Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 10 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 11 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 09 Jan 2023 at 14:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for frontal system pushing in from the west on Tuesday and remaining unsettled through the week, with showers or longer spells of rain at times. Also high for strong winds in association with systems. Lower confidence in timing of rainfall.

Headline for Tuesday 10 Jan 2023: A wet and windy day with a period of snow and blizzards on the tops. Feeling cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 10 Jan 2023

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light rain	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	40%	80%	90%	80%	70%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 10 Jan 2023

Weather: Cloudy but dry to start, before rain, with snow above 600m, pushes up from the southwest through the first half of the morning. Turning to rain at all levels into the afternoon, rain will be heavy and persistent until around mid-afternoon, then becoming lighter and patchier into the evening. A mix of clear spells and scattered rain or sleet showers thereafter.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% chance before the rain arrives then very low through much of the day. 40% chance into the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Persistent cloud and fog above around 400 or 500m for majority of the day with poor visibility. Blizzards and whiteout conditions above 800m. Cloud breaking up into the evening with visibility improving.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	35/47 W	29/39 SW	27/36 S	45/65 SE	48/64 SE	50/75 S	46/63 W	43/59 W	42/59 W
900	31/39 SW	27/34 SW	28/35 S	45/58 S	47/60 SE	48/60 S	42/56 SW	38/51 SW	39/53 SW
600	20/28 SW	17/24 SW	18/27 S	31/47 S	34/49 SE	32/43 S	30/44 SW	26/39 SW	28/42 SW
300	9/23 SW	7/19 SW	7/18 S	9/24 S	14/31 SE	9/25 SW	17/36 SW	17/36 SW	17/36 SW
Glen	5/23 SW	4/19 SW	3/17 SW	5/23 S	5/19 S	4/23 SW	8/33 SW	6/30 SW	7/30 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-13	-5/-15	-4/-15	1/-12	-2/-11	-3/-13	-4/-14
900	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-8	0/-9	1/-8	4/-4	1/-7	0/-8	-1/-10
600	1/-5	1/-4	2/-4	2/-6	2/-5	5/-1	4/-3	2/-4	1/-6
300	2/-2	2/-1	2/-0	3/-1	3/-1	4/2	5/1	4/-0	3/-2
Glen	2/-0	2/-0	2/0	2/-1	4/2	6/4	6/2	5/1	3/-1
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	700m	600m	700m	1600m	1100m	900m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very strong winds, particularly in association with the heavy rain/snow, will lead to difficult conditions and feeling very cold.

Forecast for Wednesday 11 Jan 2023

Weather: Frequent blustery showers throughout the day, falling as a mix of rain, sleet and snow. The showers will fall as snow above about 600m.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25 mph gusting 45 mph at first, easing to 15 gusting 30 mph through the morning and reducing into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10-20% in any breaks between showers.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility, but poor in showers with low cloud occasionally down to 300-400m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to 0 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600m rising to 800m

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